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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01 October 1999 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____ 6) Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1, 4-10 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,666,487 to Goodman.

Regarding claims 1, 10, 12 and 13, Goodman discloses a network in Figures 2-5, in which internet data and MPEG data are transmitted via ATM, each packet has a PID which identifies the packet is a MPEG video data or a data packet (column 8, lines 10-50, column 13, lines 28-52, column 14, lines 30-63), data may received from the Internet and may in the IP format (column 11, line 63-column 12, line 42), and ATM demultiplexer 702 demuxes the data and decoder 825 decodes the MPEG data (column 15, lines 63-67, column 16, lines 45-53), DET 201 and NIM 201 re-encapsulate the IP packets and forward them to the proper device (column 12, lines 30-55).

Regarding claim 4, Goodman discloses that the PID may be stored in the header of the packet (column 20, line 10-line 67).

Regarding claim 5, Goodman discloses that the IP addressing information is carried in the payload of an AAL5 formatted data (column 11, line 63-column 12, line 42).

Regarding claims 6-8 and 14 and 15, Goodman discloses a program map utilizing PIDs for differentiating between IP data and MPEG compatible data (column 14, lines 30-column 15, line 7).

Regarding claim 9, Goodman discloses that data may be non-MPEG formatted video data (column 11, line 63-column 12, line 7).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 3, 11, and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,666,487 to Goodman in view of U.S. Patent 6,173,317 to Chaddha.

Regarding claims 16 and 17, Goodman discloses a network in Figures 2-5, in which internet data and MPEG data are transmitted via ATM, each packet has a PID which identifies the packet is a MPEG video data or a data packet (column 8, lines 10-

50, column 13, lines 28-52, column 14, lines 30-63), data may received from the Internet and may in the IP format (column 11, line 63-column 12, line 42), and ATM demultiplexer 702 demuxes the data and decoder 825 decodes the MPEG data (column 15, lines 63-67, column 16, lines 45-53), DET 201 and NIM 201 re-encapsulate the IP packets and forward them to the proper device (column 12, lines 30-55). Goodman does not disclose creating a composite image of the video and Internet content and synchronizing the Internet information with the audio and video information. Chaddha discloses an authoring system in Figure 7, in which an annotation stream is sent along with a video stream to a user device, a content producer synchronizes the data with the video stream via a number of event time tracks which are displayed along with video time track 760 and audio time track 770 (Figures 2, 4, 6, column 5, line 29-column 8, line 64). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to modify the distribution system of Goodman to integrate an AV stream with supplemental content as taught by Chaddha thereby allowing a user to learn more about the video program they are watching.

Regarding claims 2, 3, 11, and 18, Goodman discloses a network in Figures 2-5, in which internet data and MPEG data are transmitted via ATM, each packet has a PID which identifies the packet is a MPEG video data or a data packet (column 8, lines 10-50, column 13, lines 28-52, column 14, lines 30-63). Goodman does not disclose whether or not the ancillary data includes timing data for synchronizing web data with a video program. Chaddha discloses an authoring system in Figure 7, in which an annotation stream is sent along with a video stream to a user device, a content

producer synchronizes the data with the video stream via a number of event time tracks which are displayed along with video time track 760 and audio time track 770 (Figures 2, 4, 6, column 5, line 29-column 8, line 64). Chaddha's packets inherently contain timing data to synchronize the web data with the video data, as Chaddha teaches that the annotation streams contain event data which specify which data to display/receive at certain points in the video (column 5, line 29-column 8, line 64). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to modify Goodman to include timing data in a data stream as taught by Chaddha thereby ensuring that additional content displayed along with a video stream would be synchronized with the displayed video program.

Claims 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,666,487 to Goodman in view of U.S. Patent 6,173,317 to Chaddha in further view of U.S. Patent 6,418,556 to Bennington.

Regarding claims 19-21, Goodman discloses a network in Figures 2-5, in which internet data and MPEG data are transmitted via ATM, each packet has a PID which identifies the packet is a MPEG video data or a data packet (column 8, lines 10-50, column 13, lines 28-52, column 14, lines 30-63), data may received from the Internet and may in the IP format (column 11, line 63-column 12, line 42), and ATM demultiplexer 702 demuxes the data and decoder 825 decodes the MPEG data (column 15, lines 63-67, column 16, lines 45-53), DET 201 and NIM 201 re-encapsulate the IP packets and forward them to the proper device (column 12, lines 30-55). Goodman

does not disclose creating a composite image of the video and internet content and synchronizing the internet information with the audio and video information or searching whether or not web page information is available. Chaddha discloses an authoring system in Figure 7, in which an annotation stream is sent along with a video stream to a user device, the annotation stream indicates the location of a webpage or supplemental content stored on a server, a content producer synchronizes the data with the video stream via a number of event time tracks which are displayed along with video time track 760 and audio time track 770 at a user device (Figures 2, 4, 6, column 5, line 29-column 8, line 64). Bennington discloses a system in Figures 20-22 in which a program guide displays an "i" if supplemental information regarding a program is available. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to modify the distribution system of Goodman to integrate an AV stream with supplemental content as taught by Chaddha and examining program guide information as taught by Bennington thereby allowing a user to learn more about the video program they are watching.

Regarding claim 22, Goodman discloses a network in Figures 2-5, in which internet data and MPEG data are transmitted via ATM, each packet has a PID which identifies the packet is a MPEG video data or a data packet (column 8, lines 10-50, column 13, lines 28-52, column 14, lines 30-63). Goodman does not disclose whether or not the ancillary data includes timing data for synchronizing web data with a video program. Chaddha discloses an authoring system in Figure 7, in which an annotation stream is sent along with a video stream to a user device, a content

producer synchronizes the data with the video stream via a number of event time tracks which are displayed along with video time track 760 and audio time track 770 (Figures 2, 4, 6, column 5, line 29-column 8, line 64). Chaddha's packets inherently contain timing data to synchronize the web data with the video data, as Chaddha teaches that the annotation streams contain event data which specify which data to display/receive at certain points in the video (column 5, line 29-column 8, line 64). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to modify Goodman to include timing data in a data stream as taught by Chaddha and the indicator as taught by Bennington thereby ensuring that additional content displayed along with a video stream would be synchronized with the displayed video program.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hunter B. Lonsberry whose telephone number is 703-305-3234. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Faile can be reached on 703-305-4380. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-5359 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-0377.

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